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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 292754

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: GROUP OF 5 AGENDA

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 28255

(B) PARIS 34815

1. REQUEST AM EMBASSY PARIS MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH GOF. REQUEST AM EMBASSY TOKYO INFORM GOJ THE SUGGESTIONS WE ARE MAKING TO GOF.

2. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS GIVEN US NEW DRAFT AGENDA WHICH ACCOMMODATES IN PART OUR DESIRE TO ENSURE MORE HEAD OF DELEGATION ATTENTION TO COMMITTEE I PROBLEMS, WHICH WE APPRECIATE. HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO PARA 5, REF B, WE WISH TO CLARIFY THAT WHAT WE WERE PROPOSING IS THAT COMMITTEE II AND III EXPERTS MEET TOGETHER (AS MANY OUTSTANDING ISSUES ARE INTER-CONNECTED BETWEEN THE TWO) WHILE HEADS OF DELEGATION ARE CONSIDERING COMMITTEE I MATTERS. THUS, THERE WOULD BE ONLY TWO SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS AT ANY ONE TIME, AND HEADS OF DELEGATION WOULD BE FREE TO DEVOTE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE TIME TO COMMITTEE I. WE WONDER, WITH THIS CLARIFICATION, IF GOF IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING ITS NEW DRAFT AGENDA WITH A TIME-ALLOCATION PROGRAM ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED REF A. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT COMMITTEES II AND III EXPERTS COULD MEET TOGETHER MONDAY AFTERNOON AND ALL DAY WEDNESDAY (AND PERHAPS LEAVE HEADS OF DEL THE OPTION OF JOINING THE COMMITTEE I EXPERTS LATER IN THE DAY ON TUESDAY IF THEY COMPLETE THEIR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEES II AND III.) THEN, HEADS OF DEL WOULD REVIEW COMMITTEE II AND III EXPERT'S REPORT THURSDAY AM, AND DISCUSSION ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT COULD BE HELD THURSDAY PM. LATTER WOULD BE PARTICULARLY CONVENIENT SINCE PROFESSOR SOHN WILL BE ARRIVING PARIS FROM US THURSDAY AM.

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